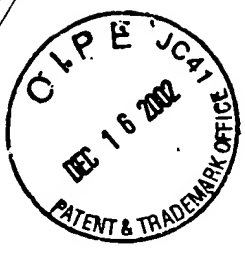


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of
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For: GAME SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED THEREON PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE GAME SYSTEM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A game system which enables a player to play a game for evaluating the accuracy of an operation performed when the player has operated an actual performance operation instrument in accordance with an operation instruction given in connection with a displayed image of a performance operation instrument appearing on a game display screen, the game system comprising:

a mark-up processing device which marks up an improvised musical operation which is played with a degree of freedom of performance by the player through use of the actual performance operation instrument in accordance with a performance operation instruction.

3. (Amended) The game system of claim 2, wherein the mark-up processing device effects a mark-up operation such that evaluation of the player is increased every time a match between a